New Law to Confiscate Illegal Properties of Public Servants

1365. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission has recommended for enactment of a new law to confiscate properties of public servants and their relatives believed to have been acquired by illegal means;

(b) if so, whether Government agrees that the Law Commission's suggestion merit utmost consideration to eradicate the cancer of corruption effectively; and

(c) if so, what decision Government have taken on the Law Commission's recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) The proposal of the Law Commission to enact Corrupt Public Servants (Forfeiture of Property) Act, 1999 is still at examination stage in consultation with the quarters concerned and no final decision in the matter has so far been taken.

Shortage of Manpower with CBI

1366. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to manpower constraints, the CBI is not in a position to handle the number of cases referred to it;

(b) if so, the total number of cases being handled by CBI now;

(c) whether in many cases CBI has not taken any initiative, so far, due to manpower constraints; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to strengthen CBI for early disposal of cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Such cases which merit CBI investigation in terms of the provisions of the CBI Crime Manual are taken up for investigation by the Bureau. Besides cases are also entrusted